

## **BUILDING EXPANSION FAQs**

### **EXPANSION DETAILS**

**How many square feet do we currently have? How many are we adding?**

Current: 51,090 Adding: 26,266

**How many parking spaces do we use today? How many are we adding?**

We have 330 in our lot and use 75 at Cooper and 75 at the Mason Lodge, a total of 480. The construction will add 175 on our property for a total of 505.

**Does this expansion meet all of our needs?**

Ministries will have their core needs met by this expansion. There are some areas where we'd love to have even more flexibility, but this is the max we are allowed to build based on our property size and we are being intentional to ensure that our priorities for secure children's space, on-site student space, and on-site adult ed. and care ministry space are being accommodated.

**When will the expansion be completed?**

The target is spring 2022, Lord willing.

**Will there be a strategy to improve security?**

The new Children's Ministry area will be a secured wing with lockdown capabilities. We will continue to have FCPD officers onsite during morning worship.

**How many children can be accommodated in the proposed expansion?**

The new wing will accommodate approximately 225 children and increase the available space for children by over 1,500 square feet.

**Who has been giving input into the design?**

A committee comprised of women and men of the congregation, ministry directors, and other relevant staff members have been coordinating with the architects to ensure all needs are met.

**Will there be a time for the congregation to comment on the design?**

That time is now! Comments have been open since May 2019 and since then we have hosted four town hall meetings and Tom Pilsch, Chief of Staff, has met with individuals and Community Groups. Plans are available at [mcleanpres.org/building](http://mcleanpres.org/building) and displayed on site near the McLean Welcome Center. You can contact Tom Pilsch with questions and comments at [building@mcleanpres.org](mailto:building@mcleanpres.org).

### **FINANCES/FUNDRAISING**

**How did we arrive at the total of \$12 million?**

This is the amount that is required to meet our current needs. We want to undertake an expansion that will best fulfill our needs for all ministries. This amount is also 2x our annual budget and is a reasonable goal for us to meet our needs without incurring debt.

**What happens if our fundraising falls short? How will we decide to take on debt?**

Plan A is to raise the necessary funds in a two-year window and proceed with the full building expansion. We hope to raise \$12 million over a two-year period without taking on any debt, relying on God's provision and the response of our members.

Plan B, if the necessary funds don't come in, is to approach the expansion in three stages:

1. Parking
2. New Building
3. Renovation/repurposing of the current lower level

We would commit to each stage only when it is financially responsible to do so. If necessary, a recommendation to take on debt would come from our Session and then be voted on by the congregation.

**If I go to Fairfax or plan on going to a future site, why should I give to this effort?**

We are one church working together toward the vision that the Lord has given us. We see this McLean site as fueling current and future sites through healthy, vibrant core ministries and robust administrative capacities. Additionally, we see this expansion as an opportunity to invest in generations to come. We currently stand on the investments of the generations before us made over the last 75 years, and we are excited to look to and invest in the future together in this season.

**FUTURE PLANNING & LOGISTICS****What has been the process up to this point? How was the decision made to expand and what planning has been done to this point?**

This process began in 2016, when we surveyed the congregation in regards to our space constraints. Our initial conversation with architects yielded a Sanctuary expansion plan that would cost \$18 million for only 200 additional seats. At that point, we began exploring our current multisite strategy as well as looking at other options to expand.

Since then, church members and staff have been assessing our needs and working with architects on this current expansion plan. The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals granted approval in June 2019. Since then, we have hosted four town hall meetings and have met with individuals and Community Groups to discuss the plans.

Engineering studies and plans are now underway and we are fine-tuning the building plans as we prepare to break ground and enter a capital campaign together next year.

**How do we see this impacting the Kingdom?**

We want a new generation to be brought to faith in Jesus and equipped to live for him. Our church has undertaken four building projects in our 75-year history, each time stepping out in faith and trusting that God would use their investments to grow the Kingdom in a way they would not see. It's our prayer through this expansion that we will grow in depth of discipleship and be equipped to make more disciples who make a difference.

**Are we anticipating continued growth? At what point would we need to build again?**

Our prayer is that we will continue growing in breadth and depth, making disciples who make a difference, and that every 2 or 3 years we will start new sites and/or plants. We anticipate that this will be the final building addition.

**Rather than spend on the current McLean campus, why not accelerate new sites and church planting?**

This is not something we see as an either/or approach, but rather a both/and strategy. A healthy, growing campus in McLean is what fuels new sites and planting. A church dies when it forgets its purpose of growing in breadth and depth; building and multiplying will allow us to facilitate and encourage more disciples who make a difference.

We hope and pray that this building will continue to grow God's Kingdom, producing fruit for generations to come - something that is far outside of our power and will bring glory to God.

**What will we do in the meantime without Cooper MS?**

Cooper MS is scheduled to go under construction in spring 2020, at which point parking and classrooms will no longer be available to us. We are actively researching other options, including nearby Churchill ES which has the same number of parking spaces as Cooper and the potential to rent space.

**How is this project being staffed so that current church leadership is not distracted?**

Tom Pilsch has transitioned from his Chief of Staff role to solely oversee the building and fundraising. Ministry staff will be engaged periodically to ensure their needs are being addressed, but day-to-day needs will be handled by Tom and contractors.

**What are the major milestones for this project?**

- Congregational approval *Fall 2019*
- Capital Campaign *Spring 2020*
- Permitting with Fairfax County *Spring 2020*
- Hiring of General Contractor *Spring 2020*
- Demolition of 2 residential properties and the Lodge *Spring/Summer 2020*
- Grading of the property *Summer 2020*
- Parking construction *Fall 2020*
- Ground breaking for the building *Fall 2020*
- Completion of the new construction *Winter/Spring 2022*
- Renovation/repurposing of the current lower level *Winter/Spring 2022*

**When can we start giving to the building fund? How do we designate these gifts?**

Right now! You can designate "Future Growth Fund" on your checks or select "Future Growth Fund" on our online giving form at [mcleanpres.org/give](http://mcleanpres.org/give). Thank you for coming alongside us in this gospel work!